

Sources of information:

- Mass. Division of Apprenticeship Training www.mass.gov/dat or (617) 626-5409

VA Web site: www.gibill.va.gov

Most people know about receiving G.I. Bill benefits while attending the academy but did you realize that you can receive reduced benefits for up to 4 years while working on the job if you are an apprentice?

If you are interested in applying for these benefits please contact your apprentice representative today.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Dept. of Workforce Development
Division of Apprentice Training (DAT)
P. O Box 146759
19 Staniford St, 1st Floor
Boston, MA 02114
Tel 617.626.5409
Regional Office Phone #'s
North Shore 617.626.5403
Henry Mattuchio
HMattuchio@detma.org
South Shore 508.999.1372
Madeleine McGuire
Mmcguire@detma.org
Central Mass 508.890.3215
Marie Annese
Mannese@detma.org
Western Mass 413.732.1139
Frank Mooney
Moonefrankr@yahoo.com
Web site: www.mass.gov/dat

Apprentice Training For Police, Fire and Corrections Officers In Massachusetts

**EDUCATION BENEFITS ARE
NOT JUST FOR COLLEGE**



What are Apprentice Training Benefits?

The benefit is a monthly allowance paid to an eligible veteran or dependent that is learning on the job and completing 150 of schooling a year. The apprentice normally receives reduced wages until the completion of the training. The monthly payments are 75% of the full time GI Bill rate for the first six months and 55% for the following 6 months and 35% for the remainder of the training.

What is Apprenticeship Training?

Apprentice Training is a combination of on-the-job training and related instructions (schooling) which has been approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Training. DAT can help the employer and the apprentice to set up approved standards of apprenticeship accepted by the Veteran Administration.

Who is eligible for this benefit?

All veterans who have established eligibility under Chapter 30, Chapter 32, Section 903 or Chapter 1606, Chapter 1607 and any spouse or child who is eligible under Chapter 35 benefits. The benefit is not available for a person on active duty.

How do you first apply for the benefit?

A. If you have applied for educational benefits before - Call the Division of Apprentice Training. You will fill out a Change of program 22-1995

B. If you have **never** applied for VA educational benefits, go to www.gibill.va.gov

1. Click on educational benefits.
2. Educational forms.

3. You need to fill out "form 22-1990 (Application for VA educational Benefits)

4. Apply on-line HERE

5. What is VONAPP – on the left side of the page hit start VONAPP

6. REMEMBER YOUR LOGIN NAME AND PASSWORD

7. After completing on-line, you will receive from the VA a Certificate of Eligibility.

8. Call or email the Division of Apprentice Training, names and address are listed on brochure.

Employer Responsibilities

The employer is responsible for providing the training as outlined by the training agreement. The company or program sponsor must have adequate space, equipment, instructional material, and qualified personnel to provide satisfactory training. Records must be kept to show the progress made by the apprentice toward their job objectives.

A representative of the Division of Apprentice Training can assist with the proper forms to be submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Where to go for more information on the GI Bill?

You can call the toll free line, **1-888-442-4551** and ask to contact the local Education Liaison Representative, (ELR) or visit our web site: www.gibill.va.gov and you will find the link for your area representative.

